

## Coffee County Commissioners continue to look at hiring process for new county administrator

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners took only a small step forward Monday, May 14, in their search for a new county administrator.

Deadline for applications for the vacant position was Friday, April 11, and Monday morning commissioners were unsure how many applicants they received. The applications had not yet been picked up.

Commissioner Robert Stephens wondered how the commission was going to decide who gets to be the next county administrator. He indicated he felt the commission should decide on some sort of grading system and follow it.

At the previous commission

meeting, the majority agreed that all seven commissioners should be involved in the hiring process. Yet, the group seemed to agree Monday morning that a system needed to be developed for the commissioners to all follow.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson made a motion for commissioners Robert Stephens, J.L. Weeks and Tom Grimley to get together and come up with a grading system as soon as possible for the seven commissioners to go by. His motion died for lack of a second.

After a lengthy discussion of commissioners suggesting "why don't we do this," commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion with a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks

for the chairman to appoint someone to come up with a grading system. This motion passed with a 6-0 vote (Commissioner Linda Westbrook was not present for the meeting).

Following the approval of Stephens' motion, Thompson asked commissioners to vote on his appointment of J.L. Weeks, Robert Stephens and Tom Grimley to come up with a grading system by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and supply each commissioner with a copy of the grading system for use in reviewing the applications. His appointment, this time, received approval.

Also during Monday's meeting, A.Z. Stoudemire and Rev. W.L. Peterson addressed com-

missioners asking for their help with some dirt work at a site for the SE District Building on County Rd. 377 (in the Brooksville community). The purpose of the dirt work, according to Stoudemire, is to prepare an area for youth activities for youngsters living in the rural area.

"The youth could have somewhere to play if we could get this work done," Stoudemire said. Rev. Peterson said he believes this project would be very beneficial to the area and said it is vitally important to get it done.

"Our young people, that we talk about all the time, we must do something for them," Commissioner Brooks said. "This is the beginning of a move

to start something for children that are left out."

Brooks said he believes it is important to provide recreation opportunities to the youth living in rural areas. He said the efforts by the SE District will do that.

Commissioner Thompson asked county engineer Randy Tindell and Commissioner Brooks to look at the site on County Rd. 377 for the proposed dirt work to see what can be done to help the group. He asked them to bring something back to the commission for consideration.

In other business, commissioners:

- \* Approved a request from Tindell to allow him to order 10

of the 30-yard roll off containers on bid.

\* Approved a request to purchase a van off the state bid. According to assistant county administrator Kim Newman, the van will be used by the county extension office.

\* Approved a request to appoint Shirley Scofield, Heflin Smith and Cliff Donaldson to the Mental Health board.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex. The meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday of that week.

## Shiloh Baptist Church celebrates 150 years



### A brief history of the church:

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always left a remnant.

In the past decades J.J. Hataway, Hoyt Cooper, Campbell Sasser, and Larry Wise have served as pastor. Joe Harris currently serves as Pastor. Deacons currently serving the church are: Randy Sasser, Randall Sasser, Rudolf Matthews, Jeff Smith, Wayne Harrison, Levy Kelly, and

Ed Manning.

It is the prayer of Shiloh Baptist Church that God will bless it for 150 more years. Information for this brief history was obtained from Coffee County Baptist, The History of the Coffee County Baptist Association of Alabama, Albert L. Strozier pages. 249-255.

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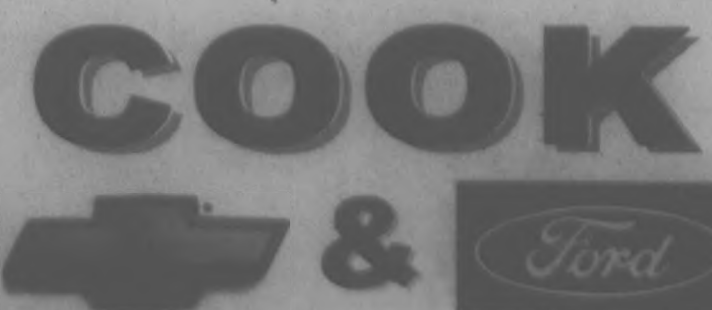
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Shown above with several fifth grade students at New Brockton Elementary School are: fifth grade teachers Ms. Burrows, Ms. Godwin and Ms. Williams; reading coach Ms. Chris Sutley; principal Mr. Andrews; and retired teachers Barbara Arnold (President, Coffee County Retired Educators) and Sylvia Padgett.

## CCERA members donate books to local schools

The Coffee County Education Retirees Association's members volunteer their time to various groups, clubs, schools, and organizations.

Children have been the main focus of these men and women's lives throughout their active years of employment. It is for this reason that the CCERA members continue to strive to be actively involved in community service projects that enhance children's love for learning.

This year, members of the Read Across America Committee contacted all the schools during February with plans to read to their students,

and give books in March to one grade level of students in Coffee County, Elba City and Enterprise City Elementary Schools. CCERA contacted the Scholastic Book Company and Crane Book Sales to request they join in this project to give children their own personal books.

CCERA bought books for the project. Crane Book Sales donated 200 books and the Scholastic Book Company donated \$399 worth of books. Books have been delivered to all but two of the 10 schools. The group is still gathering books.

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**FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS HOME...**Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Saturday afternoon, May 19, to a house fire at 1951 Taylor Mill Road. The fire department was dispatched to the scene of the house at approximately 1:09 p.m. Saturday afternoon, and the home already was fully engulfed with flames by the time the firefighters arrived. When firefighters arrived, the flames coming from the home were trying to spread into nearby trees, but they were able to prevent the fire from spreading any further. A short time later, the firefighters had the blaze under control, but it was too late to save the home. While the home was completely destroyed by the fire, there were no injuries reported from this incident. Later in the evening, members of the department returned to the scene to put out "hot spots" still burning from the afternoon blaze. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS.

## Dedication ceremony held for new Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Community officials and citizens filled the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center Sunday afternoon, May 20, for a dedication ceremony.

Construction of the new senior citizens building was completed recently, and the community joined together Sunday afternoon to make the move into the new center official.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook thanked her fellow commissioners for their support of this building project. She reminded everyone to think of the late Annabelle Wilks. Wilks donated the land for the building to be constructed.

Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer both were present for the dedication ceremony, and each were thanked for the role they played in helping get the new center built.

"If we didn't have a county commission that works together in harmony, this would not have happened," Holley said. "They help us make progress in Coffee County."

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Community, county and state officials joined together Sunday, May 20, for the dedication ceremony of the newly constructed Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center. The center was constructed on land donated by the late Annabelle Wilks and provides a state-of-the-art facility for local senior citizens to gather for fun and fellowship with one another.

Holley said he was proud to be a part of the dedication of

**NOTICE**  
 The office of Elba and Coffee County will join in the dedication ceremony of the new Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the new site located at 1951 Taylor Mill Road in Elba, Alabama 36323.

Spicer said the people of Coffee County see the value of working together, and he does not know a county that is prouder.

"Everyone in Coffee County understands how important seniors are to us," said Robert Crowder, director of SARCOA.

Crowder also said he appreciates the support of the Coffee County Commission for senior citizens. He said Coffee County has more senior citizen centers than any other county in the region serviced by his department.

During the dedication ceremony, special presentations were made to Senator Holley, Representative Spicer and Commissioner Westbrook. Following remarks by officials, the large crowd enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Lieutenant Drew Parker

the new senior citizen center and said he wants to continue to see Coffee County grow.

"Several years ago, we didn't have facilities like this in our county," Spicer said. "Today, we're probably the envy of other counties for what we have now."

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Drew Parker joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department nearly a year and a half ago. He currently serves as a Lieutenant in the department.

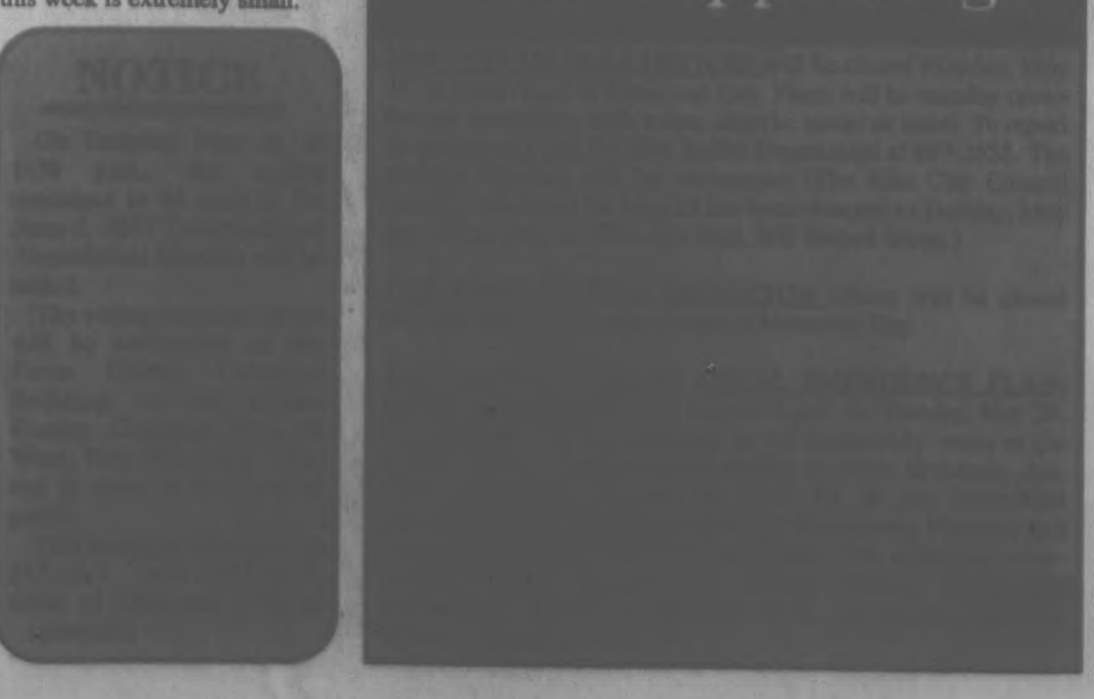
Parker's special training includes Emergency Vehicle Operator Certificate (EVOC), CPR and AEC certification.

He said his most memorable experience has been, "the first house fire that I got to enter."

Parker said he joined the fire department to help people. He also says that being able to help someone else and fighting fire are what he enjoys most about being a member of the Elba Fire Department.

Drew is the owner/operator of Parker's Lawn Service. His hobbies include hanging out with friends, riding four-wheelers and hunting.

## Area Happenings





## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Fern Cox

Senator Shelby commented this week on the new, but much-battered federal immigration bill. The 400-page proposed document is filled with enough words for everyone to find something bad in the document. Shelby said in part: "Although a bill has not yet been released, I have serious concerns about early reports of the legislation, including the status of illegal immigrants already in this country. Make no mistake about it — I will continue to oppose any proposal that rewards those who have broken the law to enter this country." It seems that the major sticking point with the majority of Americans is the issue of what to do about illegal immigrants already in this country. Many have children born in the U.S. and thus the children are legal citizens. Maybe a long-term solution to this particular part of the problem is to change the long-standing law that makes anyone born in the U.S. automatically an American citizen. Simply change the law to read that a new-born is automatically a citizen of the U.S. only if one or more of the parents is a U.S. citizen.

None of our readers have heard howls from this corner for our troops to "get out at Iraq at any cost." That option was lost for all practical purposes the day America entered the fray. We continue to think an abrupt pull out, before the country has been stabilized, would really mess up things even worse in the Middle East. Having said that, we have growing concerns because the violence appears to be spreading into countries on all sides of the original war zone. Add to this the fact that the bad guys basically lay down their weapons when a heavy military push goes into a particular area, only to reemerge and start their lawlessness all over again once the "search and destroy" mission moves to some other hot spot. There really doesn't seem to be any practical way to stop this unless the vast majority of the people in those Middle East countries decide they have had enough of neighbor killing neighbor.

We correctly predicted that the fishing would be real good this past weekend at the Coffee County Lake. It is almost a no-brainer to catch fish on opening day at a new or restocked facility, especially in pretty weather. Reports are that people were having to leave the lake early because they were quickly catching their legal limit, in both lake and bass. This public facility is close by, neat, clean, and safe, etc. making it an ideal place for family outings or for a lone fishing fanatic to enjoy several hours or a full day of fun.

This week Mrs. Elsie Clark brought in a picture and some info on one of her grandchildren. She commented that she had been reading about our grands and now it was her time. Hey, she is right! Years ago it seemed one or another of her growing children was doing something newsworthy for Elba Clipper readers all the time. Then they went to college, moved away, married and have largely been ignored on the Elba Clipper pages. Now here comes a grown grandson already graduating from medical school and talking of getting married. She is fully justified in spreading the word and it should not be considered "bragging" when it is "facts." Now someone needs to get this young man interested in a medical practice in Elba once he completes his scheduled internship.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 13, 2007, investigated the following incidents: three for criminal mischief, three for criminal trespassing, one for rape, one for incest, two for harassment, one missing person, two private property accidents, two for domestic violence, two for burglary, one for driving under the influence and one for a lost tag.

The following arrests were made: two for rape, two for incest, one for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence, one for harassment and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for not wearing a seat belt, one for a revoked driver's license, nine for speeding, one for an improper turn, one for driver's license not in possession, one for no driver's license, two for no insurance, one for no proof of insurance, three for a suspended driver's license, one for following too closely and one for not using a child restraint system.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, MAY 14** - Disturbance (noise) on Hwy. 84 at old stockyard (12:02 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) at Beaver Dam Apts. (1:41 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (2:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 607 E. Church St. in New Brockton (6:54 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in parking lot of

Elba High School (3:10 p.m.); Possible fight in progress reported at Shell Station (6:28 p.m.); Disorderly subject reported at the Shell Station (11:08 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MAY 15** - Domestic disturbance reported at 1109 Neil Grantham Dr. (12:08 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of the Ranch House (11:27 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (brush) fire at Miller Memorial Stadium (6:59 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on County Rd. 367 (7:56 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on County Rd. 367 (8:24 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire at 19780 Hwy. 87 N. (1:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (2:40 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire at the Coffee County Landfill (4:28 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 610 Mullins Circle (7:38 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1123 Kendrick Apts. (10:12 a.m.).

**THURSDAY, MAY 17** - Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 314 Sollic Dr. (4:24 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, MAY 18** - Domestic disturbance reported at 1622 Stoddens (7:28 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, MAY 19** - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 1951 Taylor Mill Rd. (1:09 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (7:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS

dispatched to 1556 Gray St. (8:16 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (8:18 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of Jackson St. (11:32 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Davis St. in front of Hayes Funeral Home (11:32 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, MAY 20** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 167 (7:34 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 409 Adkinson (10:06 p.m.); Possible prowler reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (10:52 p.m.).

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• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5007 for more information.  
• **SOCIAL SECURITY RET.** - Thurs. 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213  
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Thurs. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.  
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School  
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House  
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Cheating by students in our public schools and colleges is one more indication of the degradation of our great American republic. Sad to relate, it also occurs in public school and college administrations. A large city school system near Troy hired a superintendent and principal in 2006 who were both listed as holding Ph.D. degrees from Argosy University in Sarasota, Florida. Peterson's Four-Year Colleges (2005) is a 2889 page listing and description of all four-year colleges. Argosy University is listed as having 48 undergraduate students and no graduate students.

During my last years at Troy State University (Troy) our president had an honorary doctorate from the University of Alabama but as a law school graduate he was a Doctor of Jurisprudence. Two key administrators had received honorary doctorates from small family friends, Church family, our friends at mine and Deanne's jobs, and the fundraisers made it possible for us to have the treatments in Birmingham. Your generosity also made it possible for our family to carry on with "normal life" during this time. Although some of our family and friends live in other areas, most live in Elba. We can tell you first hand that Elba is a "SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG HEART!"

I am to return to Birmingham May 30 and 31 for tests to see how the treatments affected my cancer and what steps to take next. We are determined to win this battle and we ask for your continued prayers.

Again, thank you and may God bless each of you as we have been so blessed!!  
Sincerely,  
Freddie and Deanne Thomas and Children  
Dear Editor,



(L-R) Cynthia McIntosh, AQA; Jan Smith, Jan Wicker, Elba General Hospital; Dr. Hugh Hood, A

## Elba Genral Hospital receives awards

Elba General Hospital earned three awards for its quality improvement programs at the 2007 Award of Excellence and Collaborative Outcomes Congress sponsored by AQA, Alabama's Medicare quality improvement organization.

In the category of hospitals with less than 100 beds, Elba General earned Crystal Awards of Excellence in the categories of Overall Quality of Care and Most Improved Performance Rate, and the Silver Award of Excellence for Most Improved Quality of Care.

AQA established the awards to recognize the efforts of Alabama's acute care hospitals to improve the quality of care for their patients. They're based on the publicly reported data of the clinical topics designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Those topics are acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, pneumonia, and the surgical care improvement project.

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## Obituaries

## EUGENIA CLAIRE BRUNSON DAY

Mrs. Eugenia Claire Brunson Day died Monday, May 14, 2007 at her home of 49 years in Chappaqua, N.Y.

She was born in Kingston, Ala., on May 8, 1924, daughter of John Franklin Brunson Jr. and the former Leola Estelle Johnson. She graduated from Judson College in 1944 with honors. An accomplished pianist, she moved to New York City to pursue a musical career where she met and, in 1947, married the late Virgil Baldwin Day. In Chappaqua, Mrs. Day was an active member of the Chappaqua Chamber Orchestra, the League of Women Voters, the Narcotics Guidance Council, and the Board of Education and was selected Chappaqua's Outstanding Citizen in 1976.

Graveside services were held May 22, 2007 at Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala., beginning at 9 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to The Melrose School, 120 Federal Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Judith Bullock.

Survivors include her two sons: John Baldwin and Peter

Fairfield; four grandchildren: John Edmund, Anastasia Claire, Christopher Baldwin and Michael Raymond; and her sisters: Catherine Luening and Eleanor Sparks.

## ANNIE J. MERRITT

Mrs. Annie J. Merritt died recently. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 17, 2007, at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala., with Rev. Gregory P. Mosely officiating. Burial followed with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Survivors include her mother: Myrtle Merritt; one daughter: Selena Robinson (Tim), Enterprise, Ala.; and two brothers: Maurice Merritt (Ruthie), Chicago, Ill., Joseph Merritt (Tina), Enterprise

## CONNIE PEARL HATAWAY

Mrs. Connie Pearl Hataway, age 98, of Hwy. 134, Elba, Ala., died Saturday morning, May 19, 2007, at the family residence.

Mrs. Hataway was born in Coffee County, Ala., to the late Bill and Lula Jordan Norris.

Funeral services were held May 21, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home Chapel, Enterprise, Ala., with Reverend James Hataway and Reverend Fred Fowler officiating. Burial followed in the Mount Gilead Baptist Cemetery (Hwy. 87) with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Her husband, Cary Hataway,

preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son: James (wife Jane) Hataway, Elba; grandsons: L.C. (wife Retia) Hataway and Freddie (wife Tina) Hataway, Elba; great grandchildren: Jowonder (husband Gregg) Farris, Elba; great grandchildren: Chris (wife Glenda) Farris, Sweeney, Texas; Traci (husband Jason) Carter, Josh Hataway, Nicole Hataway, Michael Hataway, K.C. Hataway, Blake Davis and Hailey Davis, all of Elba; great great grandchildren: Owen Farris, Sweeney, Texas, Tabitha Marie Carter and Jade Carter, both of Elba.

## IRMA RUTH ARMSTRONG WARR

Mrs. Irma Ruth (Armstrong) Warr, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May 20, 2007, at her home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Reverend Roger Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Edgar Milton Warr Alumni Scholarship Fund, UAB School of Optometry, HBP121, 1530 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0010 or Wiregrass Hospice, 2746 Hodsdon Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303.

Mrs. Warr was born in Henry County to the late Henry Vinson

and Vera Grace Armstrong. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Milton Warr, as well as, five brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two daughters: Janet (husband Paul) King, Troy, Ala., Sara (husband Kenneth) Strong, Elba; six grandchildren: Susan King (husband Blair) Smith, Birmingham, Ala., Catherine King (husband Todd) Watson, Evergreen, Ala., Amy King (husband John) Hall, McDonough, Ga., Emily Strong, Orlando, Fla., Elena Strong (husband Jeff) Leonard, Atlanta, Ga., Elizabeth Strong (husband Tyler) Powell, Birmingham, Ala.; one grandson: Robert Milton King, Atlanta, Ga.; three great-granddaughters: Chandler Smith, Birmingham, Anna Watson, Evergreen, Ann Elise Leonard, Atlanta; two great-grandsons: Clarkson Smith, Birmingham and Todd Watson Jr., Evergreen.

Free, seven brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include one son: Gerald Free, Elba, Ala.; one daughter: Evelyn Free, Kinston, Ala.; three sisters: Lillian Smothers (Gordon), Morris, Ala., JoAnn Bess (Tom Frank), Kinston, Sue Haymon, Wickburg, Ala.; three brothers: Wayne Wyrosdick, Jack, Ala., Pete Wyrosdick (Roda), Lake Wales, Fla., Jimmy Wyrosdick (Jackie), Indianapolis, Ind.; two grandsons: Ricky Foley, Andalusia, Ala., Rex Free (Doneta), Panama City Beach, Fla.; two great-granddaughters: Jessica

Foley and Megan Foley, both of Andalusia; three sisters-in-law: Annie Pearl Wyrosdick and Joannette Wyrosdick, both of Elba, Mary Sue Wyrosdick, Lake Wales, Fla.; and one brother-in-law: Herbert Scott, Warner Robbins, Ga.

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Other World's Fairs have been held to honor past accomplishments. In 1915, San Francisco hosted the Pan Pacific Exhibition to celebrate its resurrection following the 1906 earthquake and fire that nearly destroyed the city. In 1967, Canada celebrated one hundred years as a nation. To recognize the occasion, Montreal staged Expo 67. America also celebrated its centennial with a World's Fair when Philadelphia hosted the Centennial Exposition in 1876.

London staged the first International Exposition of the modern age in 1851. Its theme, "Industry of All Nations," highlighted the technological innovations of the Industrial Revolution. Since that time, every World's Fair has strived to provide visitors with a window to the world of tomorrow.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Melton-Green wedding planned for Saturday, June 2nd



Miss Melton and Mr. Green

Carlton and Rose Melton of Mobile, AL, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carla Marie to Adam Green, son of Ben and Linda Green of Elba, AL. Carla is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prescott and Mrs. Jane Melton and the late Mr. Carlton Melton Sr. Carla is a graduate of the University of South Alabama with a degree in Business Administration-Marketing. Adam is the grandson of Mrs. Joy Kelley and the late Mr. Robert Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan and the late Mr. C.H. Green. Adam is currently attending the University of South Alabama pursuing a degree in General Business.

A wedding is planned for June 2, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at Government Street Baptist Church in Mobile, AL. A reception will follow at the Magnolia Ballroom.

## Birthday kids...

Zane Stroud recently celebrated his 6th birthday by spending an exciting day at the Space Center in Huntsville. Zane also had a birthday party with a Spiderman theme for family and friends. Along with Zane in the picture is his sister,



Jacob Durga  
**Jacob Durga is three years old**

Jacob Todd Durga celebrated his 3rd birthday with a party at his home on Saturday, April 14, 2007. The theme for his party was Blue's Clues. Everyone enjoyed refreshments of Blue's Clues Cake, punch, ice cream, chips and dip and candy. Jacob received many nice gifts at his party.

stated Caleb Richards. "I sat in a chair and was George Washington!" remarked Sage Johnson. "My favorite part was when we used sticks as make-believe guns and chased after the enemy," said Jada McKenzie. "I loved the gift shop!" commented Justin Kidd. The entire sixth grade had a wonderful day and a learning experience.

program of The American Village. Visitors are active participants in the Stamp Act Rally, unrest in the streets of Boston in 1775, the Virginia Convention, the siege of Yorktown, the Constitutional Convention, and Washington's Presidency. Appealing to all learning styles, Liberty! employs reading, listening, seeing, speaking, and physical engagement as it connects students in the immediacy of great moments of history. "It was fun and interesting,"

## Fifth graders participate in Revolutionary War Enactment

On the 26th of April, fifth grade students boarded Capital Trailways buses driven by E. R. Regidor and Mavis Burch on their way to Montevideo to reenact the Revolutionary War. This wonderful experience was made possible through the graciousness of Mr. Jack Brunson and National Security Group and Mr. Pete Cash from Mobile. The student's participation in a program called LIBERTY!

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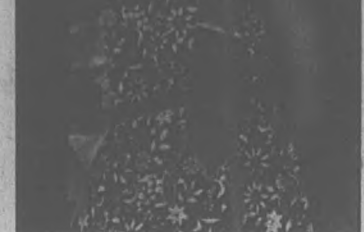
**James Hamilton Jenkins** to graduate from medical school May 27  
James Hamilton Jenkins will be graduating from medical school on May 27, 2007. He will graduate from Loma Linda University, San Bernardino, California. Following graduation Jenkins will serve a required medical internship and plans to return to the Eastern United States to open a medical practice.  
He is the son of Earl and Patricia Clark Jenkins of Dothan, Alabama and the grandson of Dr. James and Elsie Clark of Elba.  
His wedding to Mindy R. Sterdale is planned for June 17 in her hometown of Calhoun, Georgia.

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## May area graduates announced at U/A

The University of Alabama awarded some 2,714 degrees during spring commencement Saturday, May 12 on campus. With this graduating class, U/A has awarded more than 200,000 degrees since its founding in 1831 as the state's first public university.

Elba: Daniel Matthew Murdock Juris Doctor Degree  
Elba: Misty Leigh Hubbard Master's Degree  
New Brockton: Laura Kaye Horton Bachelor's Degree  
New Brockton: Brett Pearson Bachelor's Degree  
New Brockton: Katy Grace Roberts Bachelor's Degree



Melanie Mularz

## Melanie Mularz presented UDC Scholarship

United Daughters of the Confederacy Awards Scholarships...Melanie Mularz, senior at Elba High School, has been awarded three Alabama Division United Daughters of the Confederacy Scholarships for the academic year 2007-2008. These scholarships are the Dr. Mary Elizabeth Chalmers Scholarship, the Mary Katherine Thomsen Brown Scholarship, and the Cherry Crawford Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded at Jacksonville University.

Ben and Laura Terrell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jack Larsen Terrell. Jack was born on Friday, April 13, 2007 at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan at 3:38 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Jack is the grandson of Dale and Nancy Crowe of Elba and Bill and Debbie Terrell of LaGrange, Ga. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Annie Laurie Wright of Elba and Mrs. Rosemond Shanahan of LaGrange, Ga.

Thousands of students, many of whom live in the Florida-Alabama-Georgia tri-state area, attended New Hope School which taught students from the 1890s to 1963. A covered dish luncheon is held at noon. For more information contact Max Thomas - (850) 956-2714, 1300 Cardis Ln., Westville, FL 32464; Posey Vaughan - 956-2502, 1463 Vaughan Dead River Rd., Westville, FL 32464; or Pearl Thompson - (850) 956-4537, 1284 Hwy. 163, Westville, FL 32464.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Billy Redd, Pastor of First Assembly of God Church

### Called to Faithfulness

James 4:17 shares a spiritual truth with us that is also a proven everyday truth, "Therefore to him who knoweth to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." In everyday life we say the person who knows to do right (good) but does not, to him it is wrong. We know that in anything we attempt to do, that it is necessary that we be prepared to be successful in what we attempt. In Luke 14, we see that this is true also in the area of prayer.

To be successful in prayer we too must "prepare" for that success which is to have our prayers answered. I've found three areas in which we live that will help us in our prayer life. We can pray and receive answers by living a life of purity which will produce power for effective praying; secondly, living a life of righteousness, which is simply living in "right-standing" with God will cause the blessings of God to be opened to us. It is a true blessing to have your prayers answered, right? Thirdly, if we live a life of faithfulness to God it causes or allows us to walk in faith through our knowledge of God that we acquire through our faithful study of God's word. Through that faithfulness we learn about God, we learn who we are in Christ, and what God has provided for us through his son.

When you truly believe in God, you will live out what you truly believe! Faithfulness to God becomes a "full-of-faith" characteristic of our lives that brings blessings which also result in answered prayer. Proverbs 28:20 states that the faithful man will abound with blessings. That too is a spiritual and physical law. Just as you are faithful to your spouse and family, it results in a loving relationship and a strong family.

In Genesis 22 we find that it was Abraham's faithfulness that set him apart from others and allowed God to use him and bless him. God gave him a difficult command when he told Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. His faithfulness to God caused him to prepare himself and do as God said. The very next morning he took his two servants, food, water, supplies, and the wood, fire, and a knife to be able to do as God commanded. He proved himself faithful by preparing to obey.

We too are called to that level of faithfulness!! His faithfulness required him to be "full-of-faith" to obey. However, faith within itself is 99% faithfulness. The biggest part of our faith-walk with God is living a daily life of faithfulness in all areas of our life.

Faith is simply trusting God to do what He can and will do, while faithfulness is a life-style. I pray that we all strive to live a life of purity, a life of righteousness, and a life of faithfulness to show others our love for God.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

**JOHN C. BRADSHAW**  
Army National Guard Pvt. John C. Bradshaw has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship, and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed

and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Bradshaw is the son of Brad Bradshaw of Highway 51, Enterprise, Ala.

The private is a 2005 graduate of New Brockton High School, Ala.

## New Brockton United Methodist Church set dates for Vacation Bible School

The VBS crew at New Brockton United Methodist Church is preparing for a VBS water park adventure. They are getting ready to take the Plunge and Make a Splash with Jesus! As kids move from one whirlwind activity to the next, they will be soaking up lessons that will last for a lifetime. Kids will Take the Plunge at the Reef Praises, the Snack Shack, Craft-Away Cove, Oceans of Motion and Bibleland Bay. It will be a week of fun and excitement sure to make a splash with kids of all ages.

The twisting and turning will begin each day at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m., June 11 - 15, at New Brockton United Methodist Church. Call 897-8584 Carol or 894-8210 Suzanne for more information or to do quick and easy phone enrollments.

## Tenth Anniversary Celebration planned for Pastor and Sister C.A. Hammond Jr.

Pastor and Sister C.A. Hammond Jr. will be celebrating their Tenth year as Pastor and First Lady of Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church 931 Damascus Hwy. Enterprise, Ala.

Celebration will begin on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., with an appreciation night

presented by the Pleasant Shade Youth Ministry and Pastor's Aid.

Sunday, June 3, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Elder Keith Ellison Pastor of Harris Temple COGIC of Elba, and New Jerusalem COGIC of Enterprise and congregations will be special guest.

Alabama's Voter Registration database another step closer to compliance

Governor Bob Riley said the state has signed a contract with a company to provide software, training, coordination and implementation of Alabama's voter registration database.

Election Systems and Software was selected by the five-member Help America Vote Act implementation committee appointed by Governor Riley in his role as the court appointed special master.

The company was also recommended by an expert panel of computer software and election management professionals.

Work has already been started to implement the database, which will bring Alabama into compliance with a federal court order to have a HAVA-compliant voter registration system.

The deadline for the database to be in place is August 31, 2007. "I am very pleased that we are another step closer to making Alabama compliant with federal law," said Governor Riley. "The HAVA Committee, along with the HAVA Implementation Committee, have done an excellent job, and they deserve to be commended for their hard work and dedication. They have put

Alabama on track to meet this important deadline."

The bid contract is for \$6.2 million dollars. In August, a federal judge named Governor Riley as the special master to oversee the development and implementation of a uniform, statewide computerized voter registration list because the state had missed previous deadlines to do so. Such a list is required by the federal law.

## Monday May 28.

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## Church Directory

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<b>NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.	<b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
<b>NEW TEMPLE CHURCH</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.	<b>NEW EMBURY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Diane Delaney, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
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<b>SEASIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Larry Winegrad, Pastor Sunday School.....8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	<b>MILBERRY HTS. CHURCH</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.

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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

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### Seniors experience "Realville"

by Lauren McClung

On Tuesday, May 15, the EHS senior class spent their time during second block in a place called "Realville."

The Alabama Cooperative Extension office gave the seniors a glimpse of reality as they demonstrated how to live after high school. Each of the seniors received a folder detailing their life in Realville with information such as their education level, job description, monthly salary, marital status, and the age of children.

The seniors were to go around to stations set up and buy insurance, groceries, clothes, a car, a house, a daycare plan, and donate money to a charity of their choice. There was even a station set up called "That's Life" where students could take a chance to win money, by winning the lottery or gaining an inheritance, or lose money, by having doctor's bills or funeral costs. The students had to balance their checkbook, open a savings account,

Golf team participates in sectional tournament by Erica Daniels

Elba participated in the Sectional Golf Tournament Thursday, May 3, in Montgomery at Lagoon Park. Elba shot a team score at 283, which was led by Jamison Baker with a score of 83.

Elba did not qualify for the state tournament but will be looking for better things next year with all team members returning.

and start a credit card if they ran out of money. The students found it hard to balance everything and few had money left over after the simulation. It was an excellent way to learn about the things they would have to do without anyone there to do it for them. The seniors want to thank the extension office for the time they took to teach valuable life and financial lessons and congratulate anyone who came out of the simulation with a positive report.

### Seniors challenge faculty in softball

by Ryan McCollough

On Friday, May 11, the seniors challenged the faculty to a softball game.

The game began at 1:15 p.m. at the Elba Lady Tiger softball field. The teachers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Nick Nelson led off the second inning with a homerun. The seniors fought back to take the lead in the second, 4-3. After this initial scoring spurt, though, hits for the seniors were hard to come by, and the faculty pulled away.

The seniors mounted a small rally in the last inning with homers from Stephen

Driggers and Ryan McCollough, but it was too little too late. The seniors played hard, but lost out to the faculty, 18-6.

The Elba Lady Tiger softball team was the real winner because all of the proceeds went to the Lady Tiger softball program.

### Elba Elementary School plans blood drive for Thursday, May 24

by Brittany Phillips

On Thursday, May 24, Elba Elementary School will hold a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.

All blood donors will be entered to win four round-trip Delta Airlines tickets, four tickets to Disney World, and three nights' hotel accommodations.

The representatives from the American Red Cross came and gave a presentation during which they encouraged the students to tell their parents to give blood. They told kids how they could be heroes by urging people to donate.

The kids learned the function of blood and the cells included. To really keep the kids interested, the class with the most participating donors will receive the traveling mascot "Buddy Blood Drop."

This presentation not only encouraged the donation of blood but taught the kids how important it was.



### Third grade class visits Gulf World

On Monday, April 23, dozens of third grade students excitedly loaded school buses bound for Gulf World Marine Park in Panama City, Florida.

During their visit, the kids went through many animal exhibits and watched the parks many shows. A couple of EES students got to get up close and personal with the "stars" of the show. During the reptile show, Cammie McCollough got a big surprise when she was picked from the crowd.

"I got to hold a big yellow lizard and it scared me but I'm just glad that I didn't have to hold the snake," said Cammie of her experience.

Third graders Justice La Voie and Tanner Hudson had encounters with some very playful sea lions.

"I got kissed by a sea lion and it was slimy but it was funny too," said Justice.

Tanner had this to say, "I got to go down and pet the sea lion and I was excited. The fins sort of felt like leather and their backs felt rough. Then I jumped up and down as did they."

From the bicycle-riding parrot to the dancing dolphins this trip was certainly one to remember.

Elba High School's Baccalaureate Sunday, May 27, 2007 First Assembly of God Church 3:00 p.m.

Graduation Tuesday, May 29, 2007 Tiger Stadium • 7:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Elba bands hold annual Spring concert by Tierney Starks

The 2007 EHS Symphonic Concert Band and the Fifth and Sixth Grade bands performed well at their annual Spring Awards Concert.

The Fifth Grade Band started the concert at 7 pm with "Mickey Mouse March." They also played "Beethoven's Ninth," "Merry-Go-Round," and "Krazy Klock."

After the band performed, special awards were presented such as Most Improved Player and Most Outstanding Player.

Following the Fifth Grade Band, the Sixth Grade Band re-opened the playing part of the concert with "School Spirit."

Elba FFA enjoys a great time

Edited by Michael Hall

Members of the Elba High School FFA Chapter enjoyed a great time of fun, food and fellowship on Friday, May 4.

Southern Heritage Fundraiser Company of Madison, Mississippi hosted a cookout at the FFA patio for all members who sold fruit last fall. Ed

Tonore of Southern Heritage towed his grill from Madison, Miss., and grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, boudin, Cajun got and mild sausages.

The club was honored with the presence of many guests and friends of the FFA and offer a special thank you to many of the students who helped with set-up, serving and cleanup.

All who attended enjoyed Will Gray's playing of his guitar as students sang along.

The FFA thanks this great community for their support of the FFA fundraisers, such as the fruit sales and the Thanksgiving meat sale.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Winners of the Brantley High School Campus Beauty pageant included: Megan Holmes, second runner up; Casey Free, 2007 Campus Beauty; and Jessica Daniels, first runner up.

### Winners crowned in Miss Coffee County pageants

On Saturday, May 5, the sponsored the 2007 Miss Coffee County Study Club County pageants.



MISS COFFEE COUNTY WINNERS... (left to right) Kristen Beckham, Miss Coffee County; Haleigh Dewberry, Little Miss Coffee County; and Bethany Stone, Teen Miss Coffee County. Both Kristen and Haleigh will represent Coffee County at the National Peanut Festival Pageant in October.

### UDC presents book to Elba High School media center

The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is again assisting local schools in stocking their library shelves with fascinating historical works.

The Coffee County chapter, recently continued their educational service by donating "Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee" to the Elba High School media center in honor of Ashton Rodriguez, who was selected as the Outstanding American History Student.

Ashton, who is a junior at Elba High School, received a certificate.

Mr. Ricky Carile, head of the Elba High School history department, said Ashton is an outstanding student and is very interested in history.

This book offers a comprehensive portrait of Lee as a man, a husband, a father and a military genius. Through his letters

and the testimony of those who knew him, the book gives insight into the man during the 38 years of service to the United States, the years as a General in the Confederate Army, and his later years as a college president.

Donna Clark, chapter second vice president, presented the certificate to Ashton and the book to Margaret Calhoun, media center specialist, to recognize Rodriguez's scholastic achievement and interest in American History.



Pictured left to right are: Mr. Ricky Carile, Ashton Rodriguez, Mrs. Donna Clark and Mrs. Margaret Calhoun.

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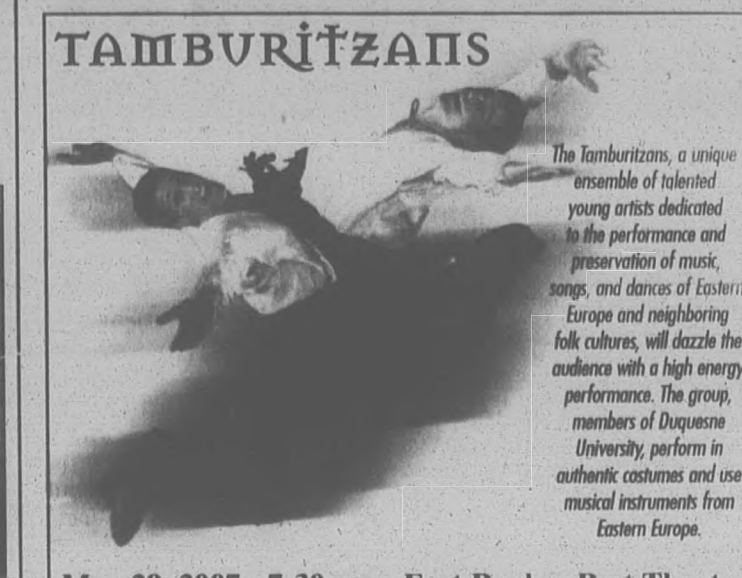
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### FELONY

(Continued from Page One)

was paying child support to Thomas.

Among the other forged documents was a form Thomas created that was purported to be a government form giving Thomas guardianship of the child, with a forged signature of Coffee County Probate Judge Gammill.

In addition, Thomas went to a federal Social Security office and fraudulently obtained a replacement Social Security card for the child, claiming that she was his guardian and that his card had been lost.

The crimes were uncovered after the child's mother had been notified that her son was eligible for free school lunches as a food stamp recipient, and she contacted DHR about the error.

The mother later reviewed the signatures provided to DHR by Thomas in her name, said they were forgeries, and that her son had lived with her since birth and never been out of her household.

Probate Judge Gammill provided investigators with a sworn statement that the form provided by Thomas to DHR was not a form of his office, that the signature was not his, and that there was no record of any court proceedings involving the child.

These cases are part of a continuing statewide effort by Attorney General King to aggressively investigate and prosecute welfare fraud.

Prosecutions are pending in about 34 counties, including Houston, Dale and Pike counties.

Gary Allen Top Distinguished Field Underwriter of the Year Award

Gary Allen of Elba, agent for Alfa Insurance, received the Top Distinguished Field Underwriter of the Year Award in Property for South Alabama 2006, during the company's annual awards ceremony in Montgomery.

The ceremony, held February 20, recognized Alfa's best agents and managers for their dedicated work and commitment to policyholders throughout the Southeast. Allen has served as an Alfa agent for 22 years and serves policyholders at the Elba Service Center. He represents the company's full line of insurance for auto, home, life and business.

Allen is a member of the Coffee-Geneva Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and Elba Kiwanis Club.

A native of Coffee County, Ala., Allen is married to Jenny Hamm of Elba, Alabama and they have three children, Justin, Mallory, and Kevin. They attend the Elba United Methodist Church.

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## SPORTS

In spring football jamboree

## Elba Tigers score late to sneak past Zion Chapel 14-7



Elba Tiger quarterback Trey Martin (14) hands off to teammate Carlos Matias (12) in action Friday night in spring football. Matias gained 147 yards on 21 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Tigers on the ground, while Martin passed for 96 yards and 1 touchdown to lead the Tigers through the airways.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Tiger receiver Dekembe Bullard (15) looks upfield after pulling in a pass in last week's spring jamboree win over Zion Chapel. Bullard gained 14 yards on the completion before being stopped by the Rebels' B.J. McLeod (1).

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Elba Tiger receiver Dylan McCollough (3) fights for extra yardage after pulling in a pass last week in the Tigers' 14-7 win over Zion Chapel. McCollough caught two passes for 52 yards, including the game winner in which he scampered 45 yards with a short pass.

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The Elba Tigers scored with four minutes left in the fourth quarter to regain the lead and then turned back a last-second Zion Chapel threat to escape with a 14-7 win, last Friday night in a spring football jamboree.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline to open the game and overcame two penalties to drive 65 yards in seven plays to grab an early lead. A 14-yard pass from Trey Martin to Dekembe Bullard was a key play in the drive, while Carlos Matias did the legwork for the Tigers as he gained 61 yards on 5 carries and scored the touchdown on a 7-yard scamper. The extra-point attempt failed, but Elba was on the scoreboard with an early 6-0 lead.

Zion Chapel was unimpressed with the early Elba score and easily marched downfield on its initial possession to take the lead. Matt Brunson gained 20 yards on the second play of the possession and ran for 50 yards on 3 carries during the six play scoring march, while Cory Carter scored the touchdown on a 10-yard dash. Matt Brunson kicked the extra-point and the Rebels owned a 7-6 lead with play still in the first quarter.

Elba's Cordell Hooks recovered a Zion Chapel fumble at the Tiger 24-yardline to stop a Rebel drive midway through the quarter, while Elba failed to score after driving 64 yards to a fourth down inside the Zion Chapel 1-yardline.

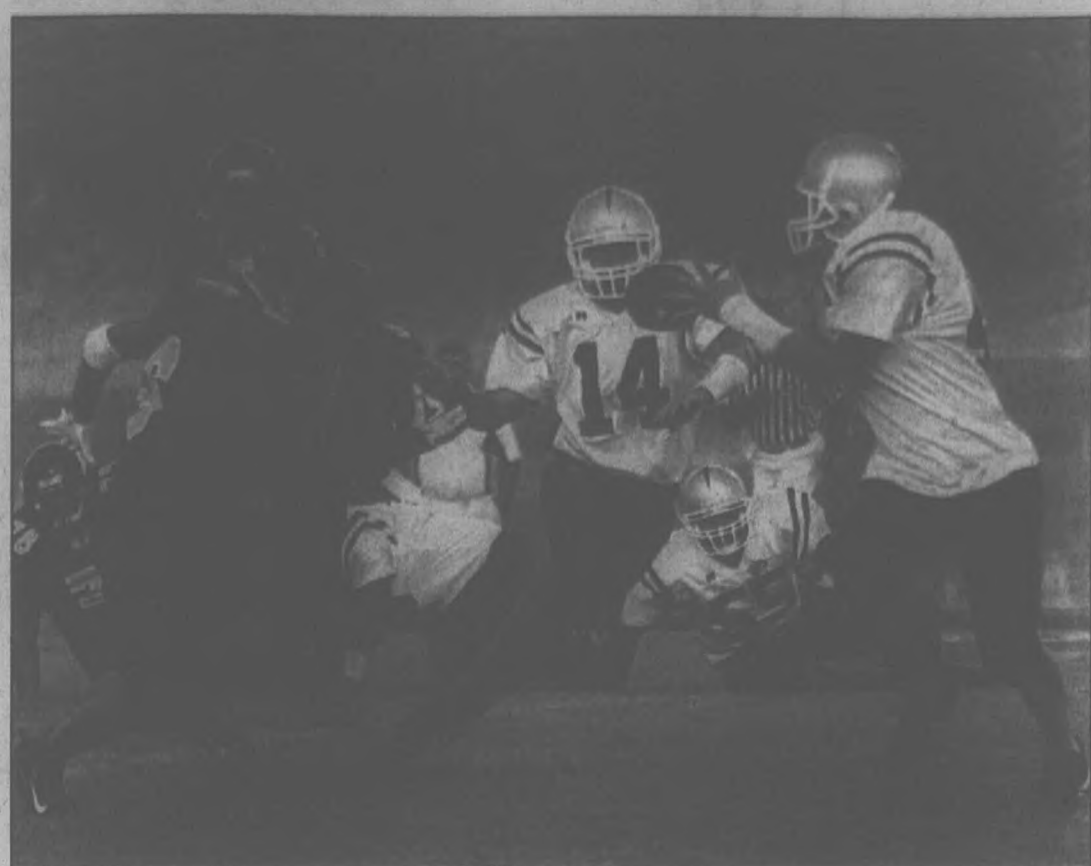
The long Elba drive was sparked by a 16-yard run by Bobby Hudson and the running of Carlos Matias. However, the drive bogged down after moving to a first down and goal at the Zion Chapel 8-yardline, and the Tigers were turned back when Matias was stopped short of the goal line on a crucial fourth down play.

Both teams let the reserves get in on the action in the third quarter, and while Zion Chapel dominated the action, the Rebels didn't manage to add to their lead.

The Rebels moved the ball up and down the field behind the running of Daniel Powell and Gatlin Clay and rolled up 57 yards of total offense compared to only 24 yards for Elba, but Zion Chapel could not reach the endzone, and when the starters returned to the field for the final quarter the Rebels' lead was still at 7-6.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 31-yardline with 5:29 left on the clock after a defensive stop, and the Tigers stung the Rebels as they scored in three plays to regain the lead. The score came on a 45-yard screen pass from Trey Martin to Dylan McCollough, and Martin connected with Dionta Reynolds on the two-point conversion as Elba moved on top 14-7 with 4:05 remaining in the game.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its next possession, but got the ball back at its own 20-yardline with 2:22 left on the clock, and this time headed toward the Tiger endzone. A 7-yard pass from Luke Peters to Cory Carter and a 21-yard pass completion from Peters to Lance Walden moved the Rebels out to the Zion Chapel 44-yardline, while the Rebels reached the Elba 29-yardline after a 13-yard pass from Peters to Carter and a 14-yard run by Peters. Two incomplete passes and a 5-yard loss left the Rebels facing a fourth down and 15 back at the Elba 34, and on the



Zion Chapel's Luke Peters (14) pitches out to teammate Cory Carter (45) just as Elba defender Stephen Magwood (6) closes in. Peters gained 89 yards on 14 carries and Carter added 13 yards on 3 carries and scored a touchdown last week as Elba slipped past Zion Chapel 14-7 in a spring football jamboree.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

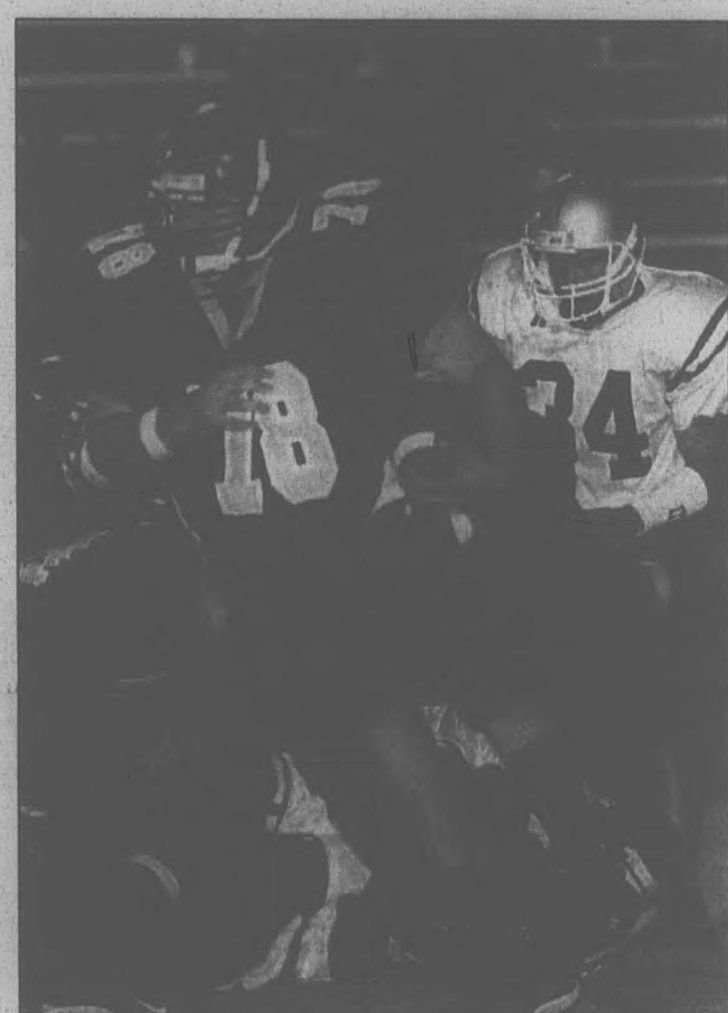
key fourth down play Peters completed a pass to Carter, but the ball was knocked loose on the tackle and Elba's Cameron Rodgers recovered the fumble to seal the 14-7 win for the Tigers.

Carlos Matias gained 147 yards on 21 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Elba, while Trey Martin completed 5 of 15 passes for 96 yards and 1 touchdown. Dylan McCollough caught 2 passes for 52 yards and 1 touchdown and Gavin Respress had 1 catch for 24 yards. Jordan Bryant had 6 tackles to lead the Elba defense, while Cameron Rodgers had 5 tackles and a fumble recovery, Dakell Berry and Dekembe Bullard both had 4 tackles, and Sandarius Reed had 3 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Luke Peters gained 89 yards on 14 carries and completed 5 of 12 passes for 42 yards to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Matt Brunson added 50 yards on 7 carries. Logan Carney had 6 tackles to lead the Zion Chapel defense, while James Williams and Garrett Stinson added 4 stops apiece and Taylor Stephens had an interception.

## STATISTICS

EL	ZC
13 1st Downs	17
36-210 Rushes-Yds.	45-204
96 Passing Yds.	42
306 Total Offense	246
5-17-1 Passes	5-12-0
1/0 Fumbles/Lost	3/3
7-40 Penalties-Yds.	3-15



Elba Tiger offensive tackle Martin McCormick (78) heads upfield after scooping up a fumble in action last week at the Elba-Zion Chapel football jamboree. McCormick rambled for a 31-yard gain on the play for a first down and the long run made the lineman the Tigers' second leading down gainer in the game.

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## SPORTS

No regrets in '07

## Kinston wins state 1A softball championship

After falling short at last season's state high school softball tournament, Coach Janie Wiggins and her team adopted the motto "No Regrets" for the 2007 season.

After staging an exciting comeback Saturday night in the Class 1A state finals, the Lady Bulldogs have nothing to regret as they defeated arch-rival Pleasant Home 6-4 to claim the schools first state softball championship.

"We were a little frustrated after losing the lead in the fifth inning of the championship game," stated Coach Wiggins. "However, we were still down only one run and were determined to rally and win the state championship. These girls have been tremendous all season and showed once again Saturday night they were indeed state champions."

Following are highlights of Kinston's state championship run at the state tournament:

## KINSTON 15 WATERLOO 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament with an easy 15-0 romp past defending state champion Waterloo, in five innings. Heather Marlowe had three doubles, scored two runs and knocked in four runs to lead Kinston the big win, while Bethany Holley allowed only two hits and one walk as the Lady Bulldogs gained a measure of revenge for a loss to Waterloo last season at state. Kaleigh Sanders, Erin Shaw and Holli Kilcrease all added two hits and scored two runs for Kinston, as the Lady Bulldogs banged out 14 hits and scored in every inning. Whitney Hercus and Sara Mock scored two runs apiece to aid the Kinston cause.



Kinston pitcher Kaleigh Sanders pushes off the rubber as she delivers a pitch last week at the state tournament. Sanders pitched in all three games Saturday and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)



Kinston third-baseman Amber Jacobs reaches to apply a tag to a Mt. Hope base runner in state tournament action last week. Jacobs caught a line drive for the final out as the Lady Bulldogs won the Class 1A state softball title.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

## KINSTON 4 ATHENS BIBLE 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed their second win of the opening day by knocking off top-ranked Athens 4-0. Kinston jumped out to an early 2-0 lead sparked by an rbi double by Kaleigh Sanders, then upped its lead to 4-0 in the fifth behind the hitting of Tasha Jones and Holli Kilcrease. Kaleigh Sanders, Tasha Jones, Erin Shaw, Whitney Hercus and Holli Kilcrease all had two hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while inside the circle Bethany Holley pitched six innings and allowed four hits, and Kaleigh Sanders came in relief in the seventh and sat down Athens Bible in order.

## KINSTON 5 MT. HOPE 1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs fell behind for the first time in the state tournament, but rallied and claimed an impressive 5-1 win over Mt. Hope, in the winner's bracket finals. Mt. Hope jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead after just four batters, but Kinston brought Kaleigh Sanders in to relieve starting pitcher Bethany Holley at that point, and the Lady Bulldogs never looked back as they remained undefeated. Holli Kilcrease knocked in Kinston's first run on a bunt single, while Heather Marlowe added an rbi single as the Lady Bulldogs went up 2-1 in the top of the second. The Lady Bulldogs broke the game open in the seventh, sparked by a two-run double by Tasha Jones, as they claimed the 5-1 win. Heather Marlowe and Tasha Jones both had two hits to lead Kinston at the plate, while Kaleigh Sanders got the win inside the circle as



KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS - STATE CLASS 1A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS... The players and coaches were all smiles late Saturday night after winning the Class 1A state high school softball championship, at Lagoon park, in Montgomery. The Lady Bulldogs won four straight games to open the tournament, but then had to rally in the finals to overcome Pleasant Home 6-4 to claim the title.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

she pitched six plus innings and allowed no runs on six hits.

## PLEASANT HOME 6 KINSTON 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs managed only three hits in a 6-0 loss to Pleasant Home, to force a final winner-take-all final. Pleasant Home pitcher Katie Wiggins took command early and never allowed the Lady Bulldogs to get on the scoreboard, while Erin Bryd and Jessica Johns each had two hits for the Lady Eagles, who grabbed a quick 2-0 lead and never looked back to stun the Lady Bulldogs.

## KINSTON 6 PLEASANT HOME 4

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed the 1A state softball championship late Saturday night with an exciting 6-4 win over Pleasant Home. Pleasant Home scored first in the title game to grab a 1-0 lead, but Kinston rallied in the third inning and plated two runs to take a 2-1 advantage. Two errors and a bunt single by Bethany Holley loaded the bases, while an infield single by Kaleigh Sanders tied the score at 1-1, and the Lady Bulldogs moved on top when Bethany Holley scored after a ground out. Kinston upped its lead to 3-1 in the fourth when Heather Marlowe singled to right and raced around the bases on a Pleasant Home error. However, Pleasant Home took advantage of Kinston errors in the fifth and scored three unearned runs to regain the lead at 4-3. The Lady Bulldogs were still trailing 4-3 with two outs in the sixth, but Kinston took advantage of two walks, two hits and an error to

plate three runs and take the lead back at 6-4. Holli Kilcrease drew a lead-off walk to spark the Kinston rally, while a walk to Bethany Holley with two outs kept the inning alive. Kaleigh Sanders followed with an rbi single to pull the lady Bulldogs even at 4-4, while Tasha Jones singled to right, and the hit skipped past a Pleasant Home outfielder and allowed two runners to cross the plate as the Lady Bulldogs took a 6-4 lead that they would protect as they claimed the state title. Kaleigh Sanders was the winning pitcher for Kinston in the championship game and also led the Lady Bulldogs at the plate with three hits and two rbi's. Tasha Jones, Bethany Holley and Heather Marlowe also added two hits in the win.



A Kinston batter keeps her eye on the ball and prepares to rip a base hit. The Lady Bulldogs outscored their first three opponents 24-1 to storm into the state finals.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)



Kinston infielder catches a pop-up in state tourney.

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# Coffee County Poll Officials - June 5, 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election

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### DISTRICT ONE

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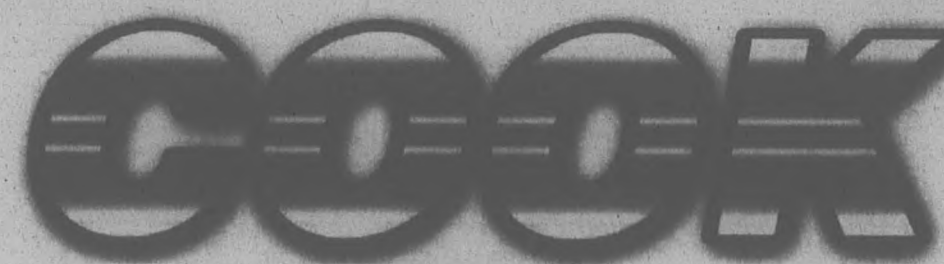
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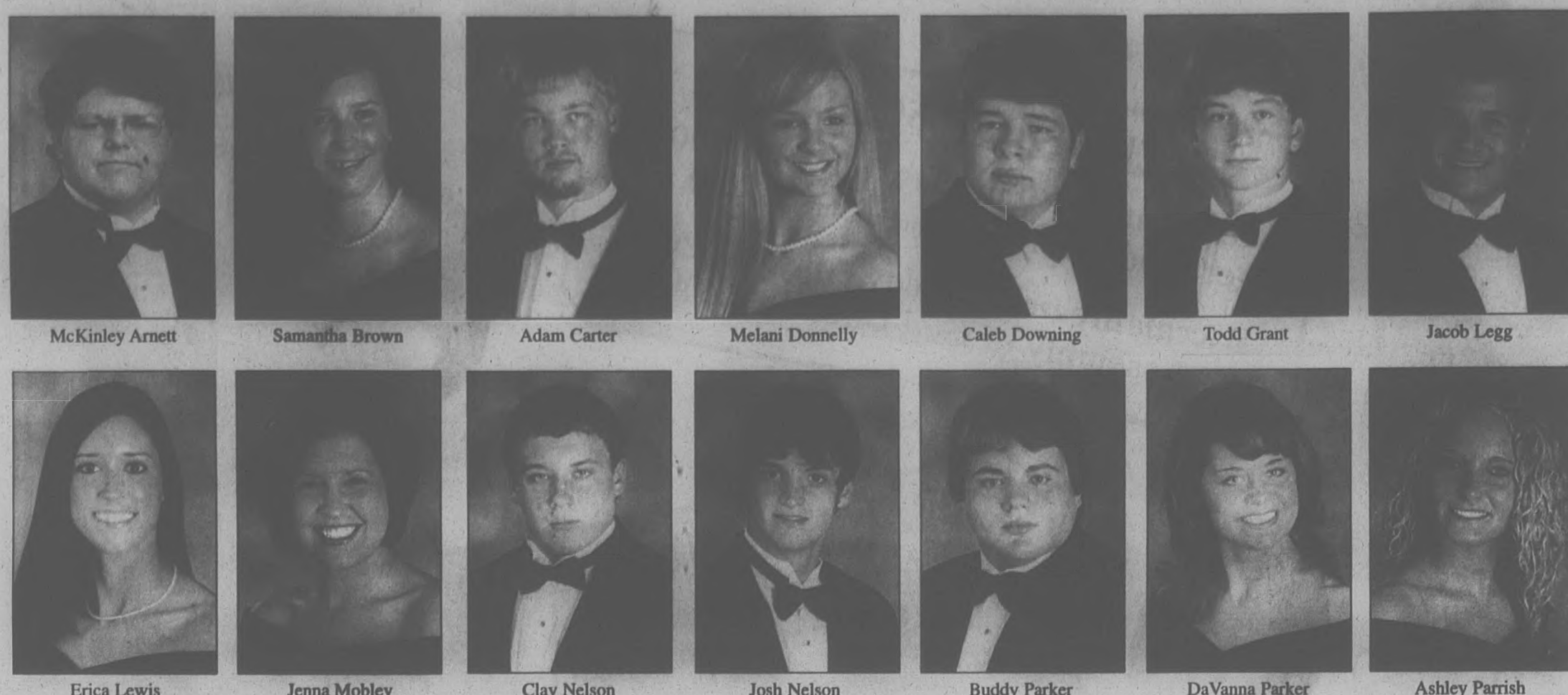
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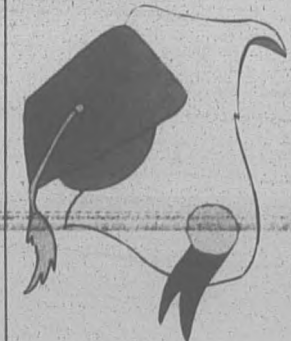
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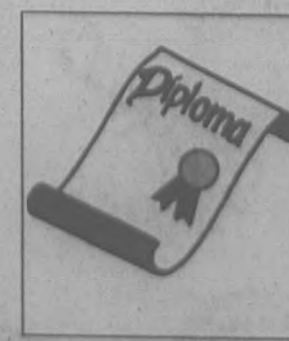


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Israel Garcia Wilson

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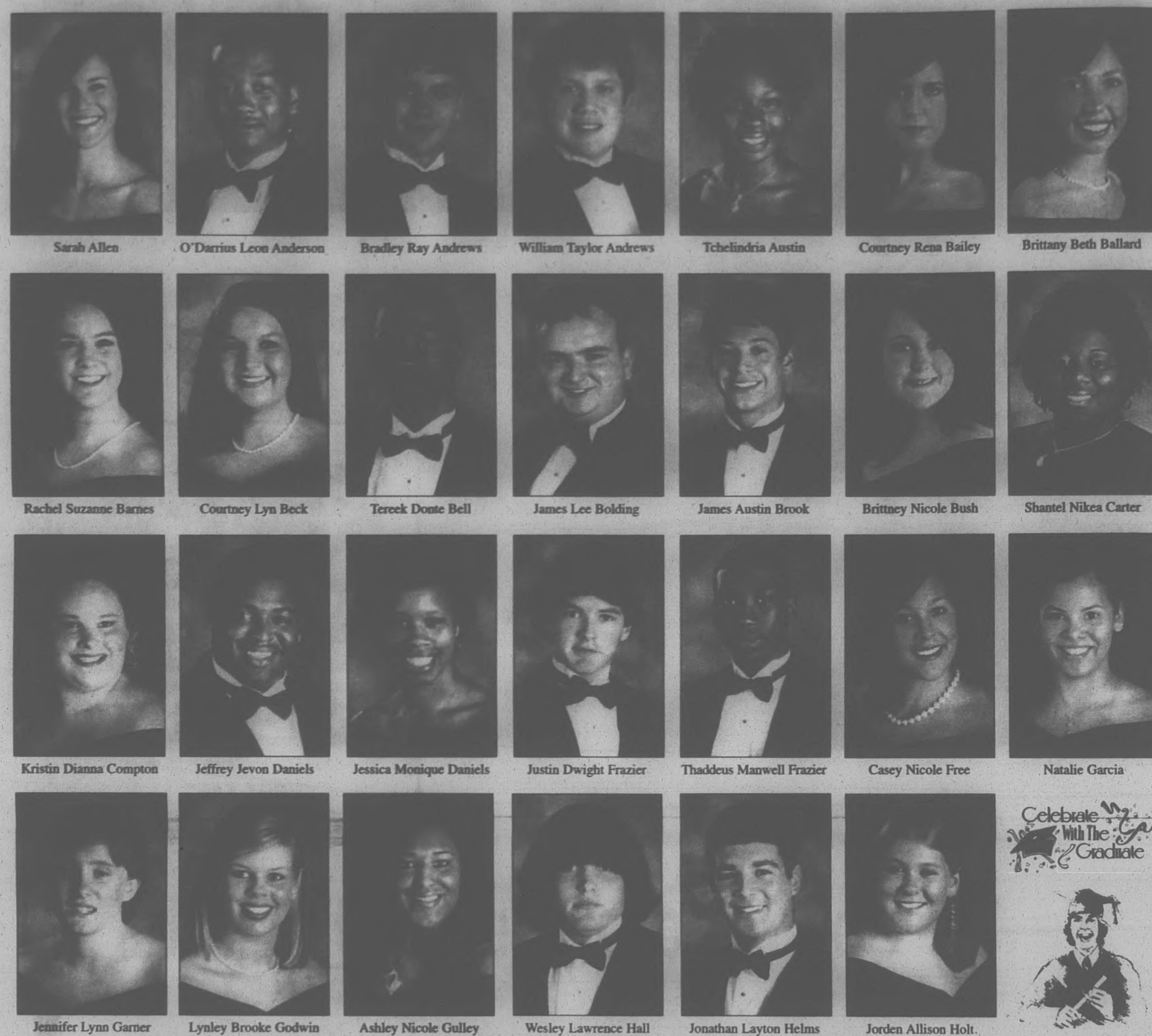
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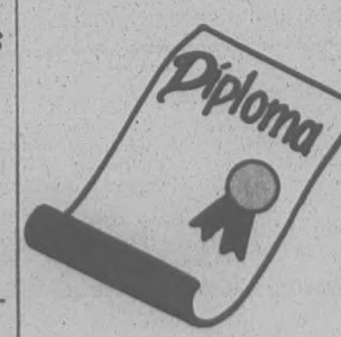
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Class of  
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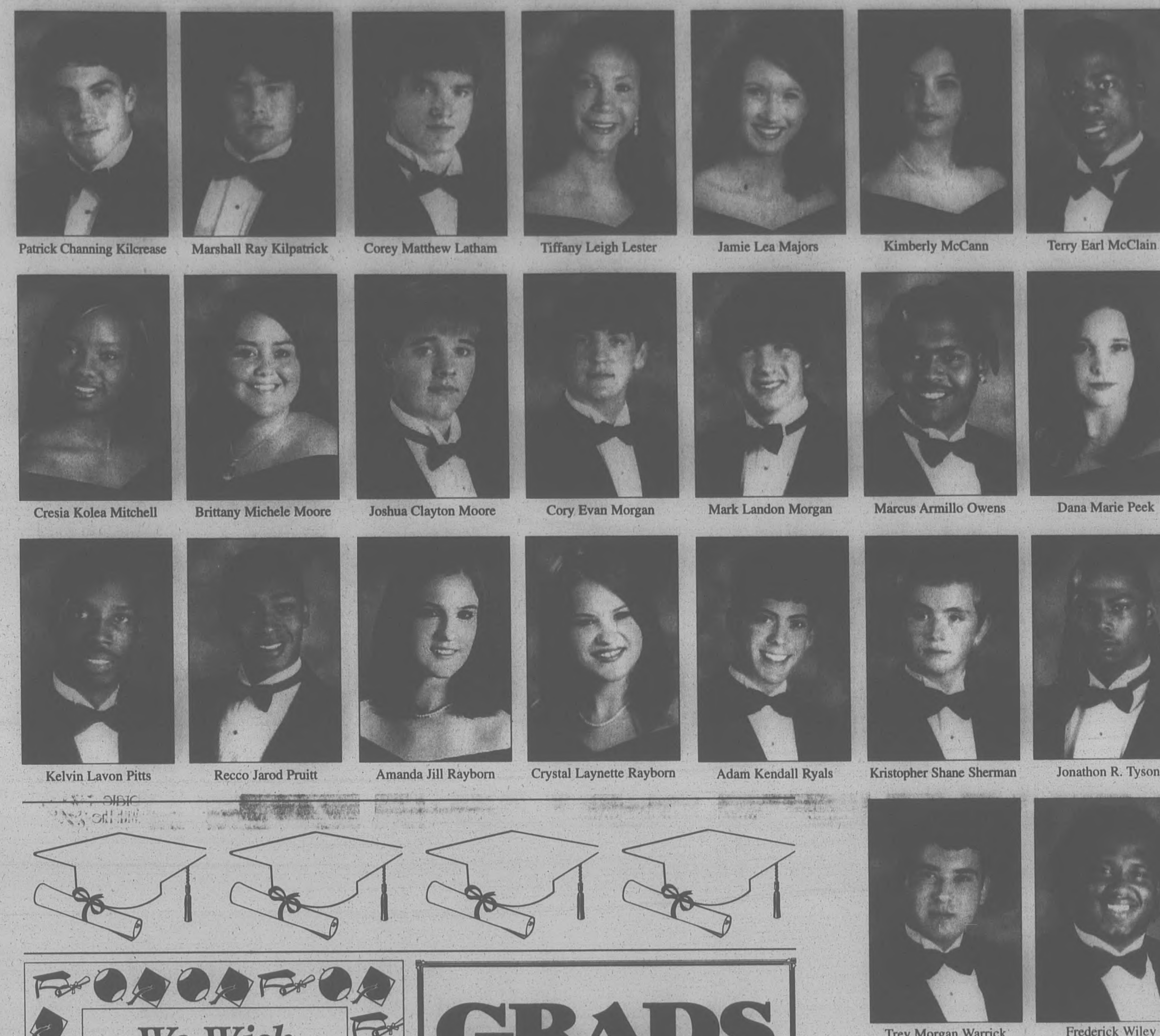
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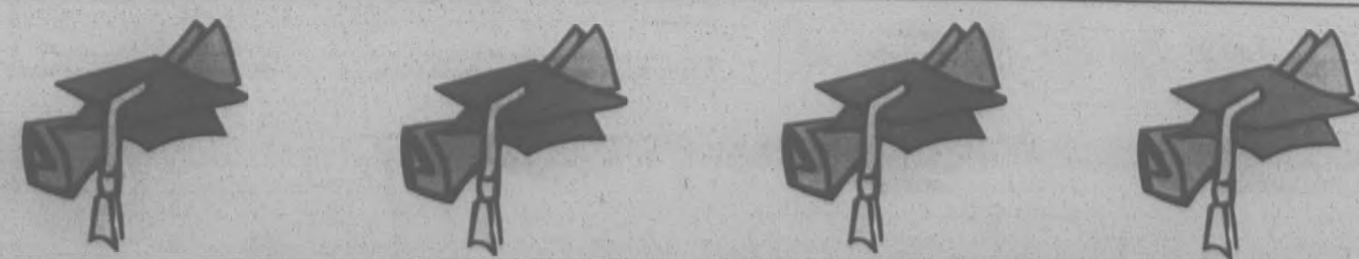
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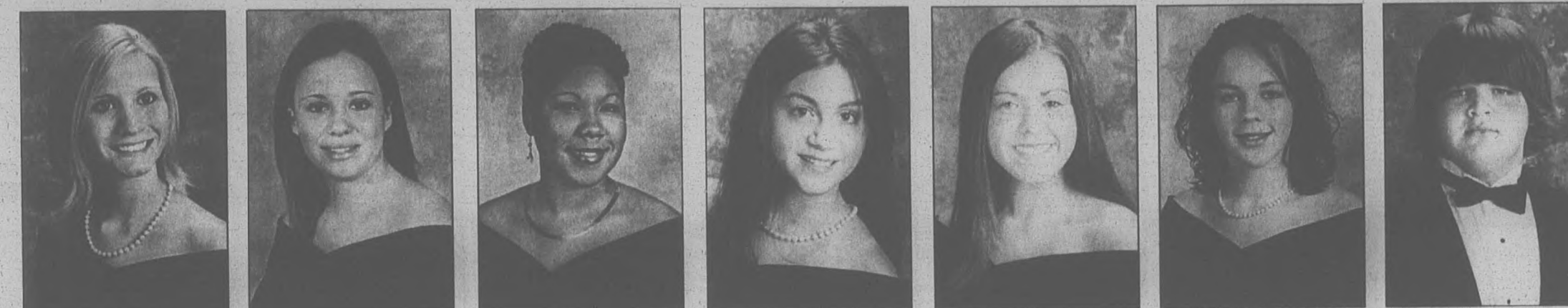
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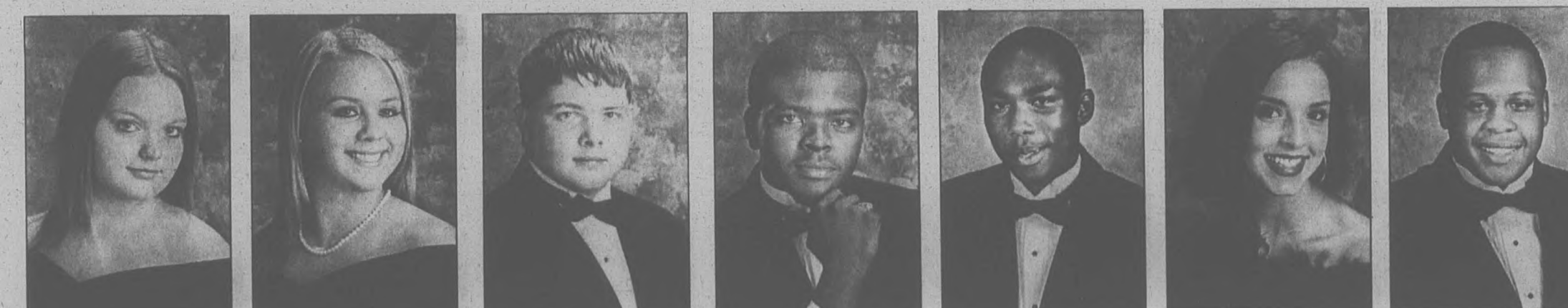
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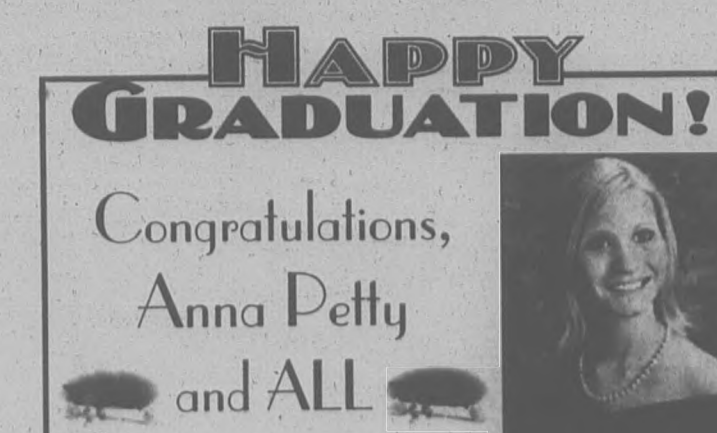
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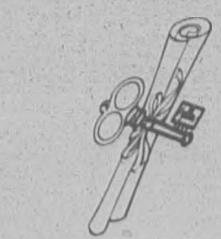
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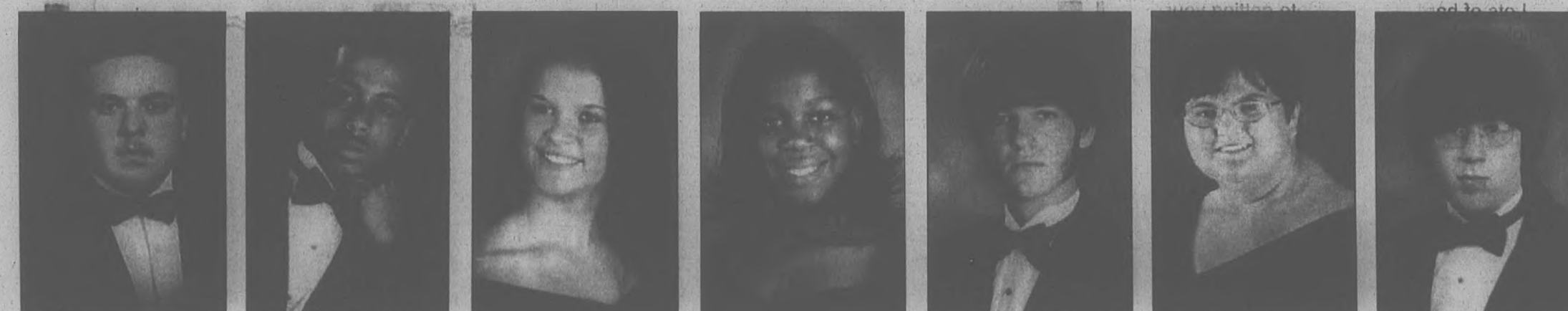
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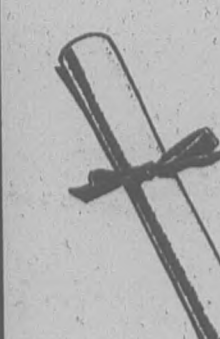
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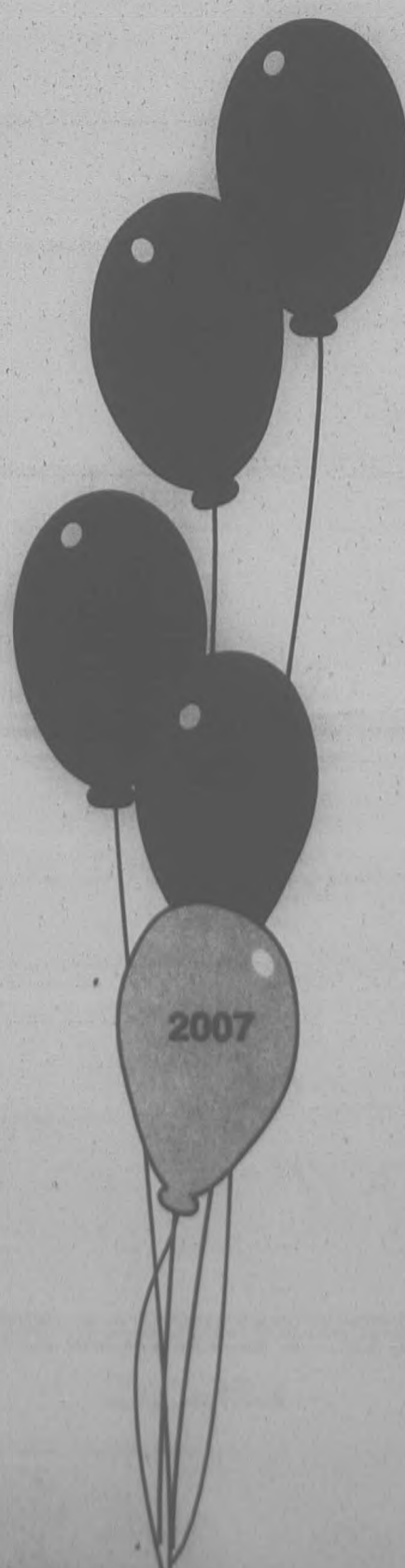
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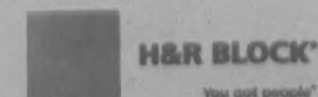


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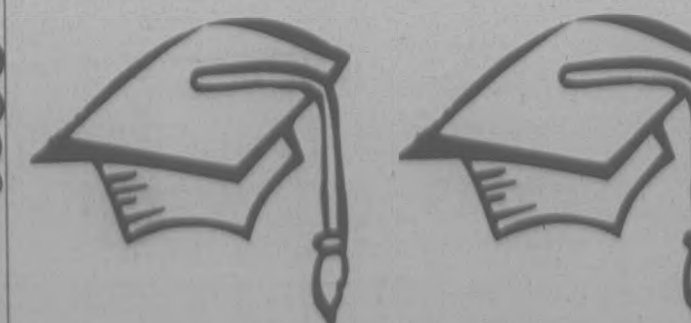
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## Coffee County BOE approves long list of personnel recommendations

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Board members met Thursday morning, May 24, for a special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education and made several personnel decisions after Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presented her recommendations.

Dr. Ingram presented a long list of personnel recommendations and board members asked several questions before voting to approve all. The personnel matters approved by the board included the following:

**Certificated Personnel**  
• The following teachers were approved for continued service status: Jennifer Lee, Kristen Stinson, Brandi Johnson, Susan Taylor, Lougner Wyroddick, Thomas Boswell and Christina Kirkland.

• The following probationary personnel were approved for non-renewal: Melissa Jones, Spanish teacher/librarian at Kinston School; Christa McGlothlen, second grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School; Kimberly Blevins, social studies teacher at Zion Chapel; Kim Head, library media specialist at Zion Chapel; Jacob Rasberry, band director at Zion Chapel; and Mike Robinson, 4th grade coach at Zion Chapel.

• The following employees' resignations were accepted: Kriston Godwin, fifth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School; and Mary Ann Hall, special education teacher at New Brockton High School (Ms. Hall's resignation is contingent upon her employment with another school system).

• The following employees were approved to be released from their coaching duties (as indicated): Larry Conney, head football coach; and Charles Edwards, head basketball coach.

• The following employees were approved for voluntary transfer: Yvonne Swidergal from her position as P-12 special education teacher at Kinston School to P-12 special education teacher at Zion Chapel School; Lori McCrory from her position as math teacher at Zion Chapel School to library media specialist at Zion Chapel School; and Dawn Smith from her position as special education teacher at Zion Chapel School to special education teacher at New Brockton High School.

• The following probationary employees were approved for involuntary transfer: Mary Mack from her position as first grade teacher at Kinston School to second grade teacher at

Kinston School; Kristen Stinson from her position as sixth grade/collaborative teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School; Hanna Whit from her position as social studies/reading/basic skills teacher at New Brockton High School to social studies teacher at Zion Chapel School; Ricki Walker from her position as Spanish teacher/library media at New Brockton High School; Ashley Sheffield from her position as K-6 collaborative teacher at Zion Chapel School to first grade at Zion Chapel School; and Jackie Sanders from her position as kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel School to first grade teacher at Zion Chapel School.

• The following employment were approved: Lydia Conson, elementary teacher at Kinston School; Laura Clark, elementary teacher at Kinston School; Sam Dean, head football coach at Kinston School; Scott Sansom, head basketball coach at Kinston School; Amanda Parker, elementary teacher at New Brockton Elementary

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## U.S. Congressman Terry Everett votes for passage of agriculture disaster assistance

Congressman Terry Everett voted for agriculture disaster assistance in the emergency supplemental appropriation bill which passed the U.S. House of Representatives Thursday of last week.

The \$120 billion emergency supplemental package that House lawmakers passed includes \$3 billion in agriculture disaster assistance for farmers who suffered significant losses due to weather during 2005, 2006, or 2007. Farmers who had losses in more than one year can select one year from which to receive funding.

To be eligible for assistance, farmers must have lost 35 percent or more of their crop in either 2005, 2006, or 2007 (if the

crop was planted before February 28, 2007) in counties that experienced Agriculture Department designated natural disasters. Additionally, farmers' crops must have been covered by crop insurance or the Non-Insured Assistance Program to eligible.

Congressman Everett, a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, supported the supplemental legislation's disaster funding.

"We depend upon our farmers to provide us with a safe and reliable food supply," he said. "As they continue to struggle through times of severe weather, this assistance is necessary to enable them to overcome severe loss."

The agriculture disaster assistance also passed the U.S. Senate on Thursday and is headed to the White House for President Bush's signature.

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

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LOCAL GRADUATES RECEIVE DEGREES/DIPLOMAS... (Above) Kristi Spinks and Kimberly Bowers of Elba give each other hugs in their excitement prior to marching in for Enterprise-Ozark Community College's 41st Commencement Ceremony held recently on the Enterprise Campus. On Tuesday, May 29, of this week area graduation celebrations continued when the Class of 2007 at Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston high schools were honored during ceremonies at their respective schools. Family and friends of the graduates filled football stadiums to show their support for the graduates as they were rewarded for their achievements.

campaign held annually. He said this is something the sheriff's department has done in the past.

Whitworth also reported that the department continues to follow leads concerning some burglaries within the county. He said he hopes some headway will be made with this in the near future.

Commissioner Robert Stephens took the opportunity Tuesday to thank all applicants that applied for the county administrator position. He said there were many well-qualified applicants, and he thanked them for their interest.

Following Stephens' remarks, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion she said upon recommendation of the county attorney that the commission use the grading system set by

committee during the interview and hiring process for the new county administrator. She said the top four applicants will be interviewed with points given and the individual with the highest number of points will be offered the job.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he had a problem with the motion in that no points were originally set up in the grading system for interview.

The motion narrowly passed by a 3-2 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Westbrook, Jim Thompson and J.L. Weeks. The opposing votes came from commissioners Dalrymple and Tom Grimsley. Commissioners

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Randy Hawthorne joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department approximately six years ago. He currently serves as a Lieutenant.

Hawthorne's special training includes: Certified Volunteer Firefighter, First Responder, 16 hours training for Crash Victim Extrication and National Incident Management and Command System.

Hawthorne said he's always wanted to be a firefighter and he joined the Elba Fire Department to be able to help others. He said the joy he gets from helping others is what he enjoys most about being a member of the department.

Randy's family includes his wife Brandy, son Creed and stepson Hayden. He is employed by Kelley Foods of Alabama (receiving department). His hobbies and interests include fishing, spending time with his family and watching Alabama football.



Lieutenant Randy Hawthorne